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Okay, this is how it works. In order to receive the Tri-States Gazette, you need to put forth a little effort. Mainly with your writing hand. If we hear from you, the next two issues are yours. Send in an opinion, questions, articles from the newspaper, items from the computer, a dollar or two, or whatever. As long as you show an interest, this thing can work. Also you may feel free to photocopy your newsletter and pass it along to any interested "like-minded" individuals.

Also when you write, we need to know if you want to hear from other Tri-Staters. We might know of others in your neck of the woods that you would like to meet, but not without your okay.

In every issue we have a Round Table Discussion where you are encouraged to contribute. In the next issue the responses will be reviewed and a new subject will be introduced.

We would like you to think of this newsletter as a once a month chance to sit in your living room and visit with friends, meet new friends, and share opinions.

This is actually the second issue of this newsletter. The first newsletter was sent out to every Tri-States listing in the American Survival Guide, but their editors must have thought from my name (Reasonably Honest Rick) that I was doing a mass commercial mailing and evidently didn't forward the letters. We will have copies of the first issue reprinted and get them in the mail to everyone as soon as possible. If you would like a copy ask for yours today!

We are going to answer a few of the most common questions we got out of this batch of mail we received since the first issue.

Question 1: How extensive is the Tri-States Alliance?

Answer: We have no idea. We have heard of a few regional organizations. To the best of our knowledge there is no national organization, but we can change that. That is why we encourage everyone to pass around their copies to any other Tri-Staters. Now if you are a member of a Tri-States cell, we would like to hear from you. With your permission we would like to do a summary profile of your group in a future newsletter. Other groups and/or individuals could possibly obtain inspiration, hints, and advise.

Question 2: Am I alone out here?

Answer: No! You are not! We all asked that same question when we first got into this. We can't tell you yet how many of us are out there or where we are, but slowly and surely we are beginning to make contact with each other. The light at the end of the tunnel is not an oncoming train.

Question 3: Are we a militia?

Answer: We are not sure. We believe the definition of a militia is a group loosely based on a military bearing that meets and trains on a regular basis. Now we do know this, there are cells that do meet and train, and we do encourage others to do this. For now, let's agree that the word "militia" is subjective and let each individual cell and/or regional organization decide for themselves if militia is the correct term.

Question 4: Are there any "information packets" available?

Answer: Yes! We are in possession of one made up by Ron (California) (Hi, Ron!) that is very well thought out and put together, but we want to have specific approval from him before we distribute it. We also have a number of very interesting articles, that we hope to have reproduced in volume and distributed to Tri-States Gazette readers as funds allow. We will keep you posted on this.

Since the dawn of time, nature has provided for us. Unfortunately, it is easier to walk down to Safeway than to preserve this knowledge. My beautiful and gracious wife has agreed to do a few articles about the healing power of herbs and hints about growing a successful sustenance garden. No, this is not "Better Homes & Garden", but nobody can argue the sense of being self reliant when it comes to food. Abraham Lincoln said, "no nation can be held hostage that gardens."

If there is anyone out there who is in contact with Mr. William Johnstone or who is writing him a fan letter, please let him know that the Tri-States Gazette would be very honored to do an interview with him. Maybe if we all ask him real nice, he might consent to this.

Want Ads **Want Ads** **Want Ads**

The way this works is as simple as falling off a log. They are free, but please don't try to advertise anything that will get our ass thrown in jail! We are funny about that.

***Rick (Oregon) is looking for one side of a set of binoculars. It seems that he has one bad eye and doesn't need a pair. This is not a joke!

***Tri-States Gazette needs readers who surf the internet to send us interesting items from the computer. There is no pay or other compensation, but think how good it will make you feel to help out.

Security Alert **Secruity Alert**

October, 1994, saw Congress pass a real neat bill. It is called "The Communications Assistance Act for Law Enforcement". According to Gentleman's Quarterly, the government took $500,000,000.00 (that right, five hundred million dollars) and distributed it among all the phone companies along with specific mandatory equipment modifications. Once the modifications are made, Deputy Barney Fife can sit in his office, enter specific codes, and your phone is tapped. It's that easy. It's that fast. Keep that in mind.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Remember, if this part is going to work you must provide input. The third issue will have your feedback and a new subject for thought. For this issue we will use the same question as asked in the first issue. What are you doing to provide your own security and what improvements can you make? What are your thoughts?

EDITORIAL COMMENT

We believe in the Tri-States philosophy, period. The contents of our newsletter will reflect this. We will try to follow the Tri-States philosophy in its purest form because this will allow us to show the greatest flexibility. We have heard of Tri-States cells that have followed the majority of the basic rules but changed others. If we follow the philosophy in a pure form, then we must accept these people as fellow Tri-Staters because what is right for their region may not be right for others. We do hasten to remind them that they would be expected to honor the beliefs of others when in the domain of others.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

We had a conversation with Ron (California) (Hi, Ron!) about a method of communication and we discussed establishing a communications network (com-net) using C.B. radios and linears with all Tri-Staters on the same frequency. Are there any radio nuts out there who would know how to set one up?

What would you think about a national Tri-States location or "home"? We know of a possible location that could be ideal, it is sparsely populated, remote as hell, the cost of the land is very affordable, it is far from any major metropolitan area, and has favorable "starting over" potential.

One thing we are contemplating is having T-shirts, ball caps, and patches made up showing the Tri-States flag. A reminder to our readers, the flag is blue with three gold stars. If there is enough interest to make this

worthwhile, we can proceed accordingly. Proceeds from these sales will go to making improvements in the newsletter. So let us know what you think.

Andy Warhol said, "in the future everyone will be famous for fifteen minutes". Jeez, this is embarrassing but I missed my 15 minutes! Would somebody send me a photocopy of my letter to American Survival Guide? I also put a listing in the directory, but I don't know if they ran it. Can someone let me know?

This is some kind of fun, huh?

A note to Rick (Missouri)--Damn Right! How about making photocopies and sending them out to all your contacts. No doubt you may have many more contacts than we do so far.

A note to Alex (Washington) and Jim (Nevada) and others. My address is in Nevada, but that is because it is a central location that I visit on a regular basis. I am a commercial truck driver by trade, so you might get a phone call if I am in your area. And if you send me your phone number. The nice thing about my job is I can get out and sample the opinions from various regions of the country and meet people that I wouldn't otherwise. So if you write and my response is a little slow you will know why.

A note to all readers. One of the biggest expenses of putting out this newsletter is the postage. I do all the printing and mailing out of my pocket. If you could send a stamp when you write, it would be greatly appreciated. And thanks to those who already have.

Okay, that's about it for this issue. So to everyone out there we ask the same question we have all asked at one time or another--Am I alone out there? Get off your dead butts and lets show each other that we are not alone.

Bold Strike!
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